

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2302

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 66723 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2302, as introduced, Fong. Postsecondary education: student transfer.

Existing law, the Donohoe Higher Education Act, establishes the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. A provision of the act applies to the University of California only to the extent that the regents, by resolution, make that provision applicable.

Existing law requires the governing bodies of the 3 public postsecondary segments, with appropriate consultation with the academic senates of the respective segments, to develop, maintain, and disseminate a common core curriculum in general education courses for the purposes of transfer. This provision requires that a person who has successfully completed the transfer core curriculum is to be deemed to have completed all lower division general education requirements for the University of California and the California State University.

This bill would require the chancellors of the California Community Colleges and the California State University and the President of the

University of California to jointly develop and implement a strategy for increasing the number of students who successfully transfer from a California Community College to a California State University or University of California campus. The bill would require the strategy to include the development and implementation of a transfer degree with specified characteristics.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66723 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 66723. (a) The Chancellor of the California Community
4 Colleges, the Chancellor of the California State University, and
5 the President of the University of California shall jointly develop
6 and implement a strategy for increasing the number of students
7 who successfully transfer from a California Community College
8 to a California State University or University of California campus.
9 (b) The strategy developed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall
10 include the development and implementation of a transfer degree
11 with all of the following characteristics:
12 (1) A community college student shall earn a transfer degree
13 upon completion of the transfer core curriculum developed pursuant
14 to Section 66720.
15 (2) A transfer degree shall constitute a recognized educational
16 credential awarded by a California Community College, which is
17 equivalent to satisfactory completion of the requirements of a
18 postsecondary educational program at the associate's level.
19 (3) A transfer degree shall guarantee a transferring student
20 third-year status at a California State University or University of
21 California campus upon enrollment.